

COLWYN
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1960.



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To the Chairman and Members of the
Colwyn Rural District Council.

17th August 1961.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health
for the Year 1960.

Mr.Chairman,Mrs.Vaughan and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the Year 1960.

GENERAL.

The Colwyn Rural District Council covers an area of 29,579 acres and is almost entirely agricultural, but has a small amount of industry which is situated in the Parish of Llanelwedd. There are no large towns in the district.

Section 1.

General and Vital Statistics.

General	Area.....	29,579 acres
	Population. (Census.1951)	1,729.
	Estimated population Mid 1960.....	1,580.
	Number of inhabited houses.....	501.
	Size of average household.....	3.1.

The Registrar General's estimated population for the last five years is shown below:-

<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
1,610	1,580	1,580	1,590	1,580

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Crude rate per 1,000</u>
<u>Legitimate</u>	20	11	31	
<u>Illegitimate</u>	-	-	-	
	20	11	31	19.6

The corrected birthrate was 23.7

The rate for the whole of England and Wales was 17.1 The district rate was therefore higher than the national average and was also higher than the district death rate.

Illegitimate Births. No illegitimate births were registered in this district during the year.

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Crude rate per 1,000</u>
	15	11	26	16.4

The corrected deathrate was 13.07

The rate for the whole of England and Wales was 11.5. The district rate was therefore higher than the national average but was lower than the birthrate.

Still Births. No still births were registered. The total still birth rate for the whole of England and Wales was 19.7.

Total Live and Still Births.....31.

Legitimate infantile mortality rate.....0

Total infantile mortality rate.....0

Illegitimate infantile mortality rate.....0

Neo-natal mortality rate.....0

Early neo-natal mortality.0

Peri-natal mortality rate.....0

Infantile mortality. This is the number of deaths occurring in children under one year of age. No such deaths occurred in this district during the year. The national rate was 21.7 per 1,000 live births.

Maternal Deaths No deaths occurred which could be attributed to childbirth. This is a very satisfactory feature.

Maternal Mortality Rate.....0

Deaths from Special Causes

Infectious Disease0

Respiratory Tuberculosis.....0

Other Tuberculosis Diseases.....0

Cancer9

<u>Annalysis of Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	0	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	2	0	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	2	2	4
Coronary disease, angina	2	2	4
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	1	0	1
Other heart diseases	2	3	5
Bronchitis	1	0	1.
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	0	3
Other Defined and Ill defined diseases	1	2	3
	15	11	26

Section 2 General Provisions of Health Services

No change of officers occurred during the year, Mr J.C. Bowen remaining as your Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities.

All milk and water samples were sent by rail to the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen. Samples for the Public Analyst at Carmarthen were sent the same way.

Ambulance Facilities

The district was served by ambulances from Llandrindod Wells and Builth Wells, both administered by their respective County Authorities.

Home Nursing

District Nurses operating under the supervision of the Radnor Health Authority carried out nursing duties.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Orthopaedic, E.N.T. and chest clinics are held regularly at Llandrindod Wells, and a weekly Chest Clinic is held at Builth Cottage hospital.

Hospitals.

There is no hospital in the district, treatment being available at the County Hospital Llandrindod Wells, and at the Cottage Hospital Builth Wells.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

Adequate arrangements are in existence in the area for maternity and child welfare supervision directed by the County Medical Officer.

Section 3. Sanitary Circumstances.

Water Supplies.

Public piped supplies are provided at Howey, Aberedw, Cregrina, Hundred House, Crossways & Llanfaredd. The Station Road district of Llanelwedd continued to obtain its supply from the adjoining Urban District of Builth Wells. With the exception of the Three Wells (Howey) and Aberedw supplies, where the water is chlorinated, no treatment is carried out.

Water Supplies in the district were administered by the Council as agent for the Builth & District Water Board. Work on Stage 1 of the Builth & District Water Board scheme progressed satisfactorily, and the Howey village supply was transferred to the new scheme. Stage 1 will provide an adequate supply to a large number of properties in the Parishes of Llandrindod Rural, Disserth & Trecoed, and Llanelwedd.

During the year 22 samples of water were taken from public supplies. Of these 11 were reported as satisfactory and 11 as unsatisfactory. In addition 11 samples were taken from private sources and proposed private supplies. One was reported as satisfactory and 10 as unsatisfactory.

Number of visits to Council water supplies.....30.

General visits in connection with water supply.....14.

As suggested in Circular 1/61 (Wales) the following information is supplied.

(a) Public Water Supply.

PARISH.	Piped into house.		Piped to House Curtilage.		Served by Standpipe.	
	No.	Persons Supplied.	No.	Persons Supplied.	No.	Persons Supplied.
Llanelwedd.	12.	36.	1.	3.	0.	0.
Disserth & Trecoed.	44.	131.	0.	0.	2.	6.
Rhulen.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Llanbadarn-y-garreg.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
Aberedw.	17.	51.	0.	0.	9.	27.
Cregrina.	4.	12.	1.	3.	1.	3.
Llandrindod Rural.	42.	130.	3.	9.	5.	15.
Llanfaredd.	12.	36.	3.	9.	0.	0.
Llansantffraed-in-Elwell.	22.	66.	1.	3.	1.	3.
Bettws Disserth.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.

(b) Private Water Supply.

PARISH.	Piped into house.		Piped to house curtilage.		Served by standpipe.		Carried from Wells, Springs, Streams, etc.	
	No.	Persons Supplied.	No.	Persons Supplied.	No.	Persons supplied.	No.	Persons Supplied.
Llanelwedd.	46.	137.	2.	6.	44.	132.	5.	14.
Disserth & Trecoed.	43.	128.	5.	14.	0.	0.	29.	86.
Rhulen.	6.	17.	0.	0.	0.	0.	10.	29.
Llanbadarn-y-garreg.	4.	11.	1.	3.	0.	0.	5.	14.
Aberedw.	17.	50.	1.	3.	0.	0.	14.	41.
Cregrina.	6.	17.	1.	3.	0.	0.	7.	20.
Llandrindod Rural.	13.	38.	0.	0.	0.	0.	15.	44.
Llanfaredd.	14.	41.	1.	3.	0.	0.	10.	29.
Llansantffraed-in-Elwell.	17.	50.	3.	9.	0.	0.	21.	61.
Bettws Disserth.	6.	17.	0.	0.	0.	0.	8.	23.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Work continued during the year on Domestic connections to the Howey Sewerage Scheme. Hundred House and Aberedw village Sewerage Schemes were completed.

The Council's housing estate at Llanfaredw and the Station Road area of Llanellwedd are served by small sewerage schemes. Properties at Builth Road are served by a small sewerage scheme which is controlled by the British Transport Commission.

Consideration was also given to a scheme for the part of Llanellwedd Parish which adjoins Builth Wells. This will form part of a scheme for Builth Wells.

Number of visits to sewerage disposal sites.....16
Number of general visits in connection with drainage.....16

The following information is brought to the notice of the Council.

Water Closets		Chemical Closets		Pail Closets		Privies		Connected to					
								Council Sewer		Private Sewer		Septic Tank	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Houses		Houses		Houses		Houses		Houses		Houses		Houses	
288	56.8	26	5.2	125	34.1	72	14.1	85	16.6	48	9.3	155	30.3

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The scheme inaugurated in 1952, provides for the collection of refuse at fortnightly intervals from properties along the roads throughout the greater part of the district. The scheme is carried out by a contractor and tips are provided in the adjoining Rural District of Builth and at the Newbridge-on-Wye tip of the Rhayader R.D.C.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Nuisances

Number of complaints received.....19
Number of complaints investigated.....19
Number of premises revisited.....19

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the area.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the area.

Licensed Premises

Number of inspections made.....4
Number of notices served.....0

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

A joint meeting of all the local authorities in the County, was held to consider the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, after which conditions to be applied to site licences were adopted.

Number of visits to caravan sites.....20

There are 3 caravan sites in the district. At the end of the year work to bring these sites up to standard was in progress.

Eradication of Bed Bugs and Steps Taken to Combat Infestation

No premises were found to be infested with bed bugs during the year.

Disinfection

In the main the methods used for any disinfection required have been fumigation and spraying.

Rodent Control

Number of premises inspected as a result of:-

- (a) Notification.....33
- (b) Survey.....149 + 21 agricultural
- (c) Otherwise.....27 + 3 agricultural

Number of Premises infested by

- (a) RATS - Major.....6 Minor.....133 + 11 agricultural
- (b) MICE - Major.....4 Minor.....28 + 6 agricultural

Number of Premises treated by local authority.....147

Number of "Block" control schemes carried out.....2

All dead rats are picked up and buried.

Factories

Number of factories in the district.....9
 Number of visits made.....9
 Number of notices served.....1
 Number of defects found.....1
 Number of defects remedied.....1

Legal Proceedings

No legal action was taken by the Council this year.

Section 4

HOUSING.

During the year 10 new Council houses were built at Aberedw and 6 new Council houses were under construction at Hundred House. Consideration was given to the building of Council houses at Howey and Llanelwedd.

The following table gives details of the Classification of houses in the district.

Classification of Houses

Cat.1		Cat.2		Cat.3		Cat.4		Cat.5	
NO.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
153	29.9	49	9.7	235	45.9	49	9.7	25	4.8

The Rural Housing Survey was completed in 1959 and the above table gives the position at the end of 1960. Various properties have been improved or demolished since the completion of survey.

In the classification of houses the following definitions must be borne in mind.

- Category 1 Satisfactory in all respects
- Category 2 With minor defects only.
- Category 3 Requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement and which it is considered can be carried out at a reasonable cost in relation to the value of the property.

Category 4 Appropriate for reconditioning, improvement or extension, this is generally when a considerable amount of work is required but where it would be unreasonable to force the owner to do work because value of house does not warrant it.

Category 5 Unfit for habitation and beyond repair at a reasonable cost.

Housing Consolidations Regulations, 1925, Article 31

During the year one house was subject to action by the Council.
The following table gives details of other amenities,

Fixed bath		Sink		Hot water installed		Electricity Mains or own plant	
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
224	43.9	311	60.8	233	46.1	335	65.5

No. of house to house inspections20.

No. of houses inspected under Building Byelaws28.

Section 5 Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk

Record of inspections and Milk Testing

No. inspections of vehicles5

No. of samples taken and were satisfactory3

280 samples were also taken and examined for tuberculosis and abortus, as a part of the survey of milk deposited at the C.W.S. creamery.

A milk collection centre operated by the Co-operative Wholesale Society is situated in the district, and throughout the year large quantities of milk is passed through the centre for cooling, and were redistributed in bulk to creameries in various parts of the country. Sanitary conditions in these places remained very satisfactory.

Ice-Cream Premises

There are four retailers of ice-cream in the district. These retailers sold pre-packed ice-cream only.

Also sold by mobile van.

Number of inspections of premises9.

Number of samples4. (All in Grade 1)

Food Premises

The following food premises remained in operation at the end of the year.

Grocers7.

Public Houses6.

Dairies1.

Cafes3.

The district is also served by various mobile retailers operating from Builth Wells, Llandrindod Wells and Newbridge-on-Wye.

Food Condemned

The following food was condemned:-

6 chickens,

43 lbs 5 ozs of Ham,

6½ lbs bacon.

Facilities for the disposal of condemned food are available at the Gas Works.

Meat Inspection

There is one private slaughterhouse in the district.

This in the Parish of Llanellwedd it is operated by a firm of wholesale butchers.

Details of the carcasses inspected at this slaughterhouse by the Council's Public Health Inspector, are given below:-

No. of visits to slaughterhouse361.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE AND PART

	Cattle including Cows	Calves	Pigs	Sheep & Lambs	Horses
Carcases slaughtered	852	38	1136	15,888	-
Number inspected	842	38	1124	13,848	-
<u>All carcases except Tuberculosis and Cysterceri</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	2	4.	-	32.	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned.	314.	5.	16.	918.	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysterceri	37.5	23.6	-	1.4	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned.	-	-	11.	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	0.9	-	-
<u>Cysterceri</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases subjected to treatment by refri geration	1.	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-

Slaughterhouse Act 1958.

Report on slaughterhouse Facilities.

After considering a report on the condition of the Llanelwedd Slaughterhouse and the slaughtering facilities available, necessary or likely to be necessary in the future, as required under the Slaughterhouse Act, the Council were of opinion that without drastic alterations, additions and repairs, the present Slaughterhouse could not be brought up to standard. They were of opinion that the present slaughterhouse should be demolished and a new slaughterhouse erected in it's place.

The new owners of the slaughterhouse are therefore erecting a new abattoir, and it is considered that when this new abattoir comes into use, it will be adequate for all foreseeable requirements.

Meat Inspection

The slaughterhouse changed owners during the year, after which the throughput increased considerably.

A great deal of meat inspection was carried out by your Public Health Inspector outside working hours.

The Council were fortunate in being able to obtain the services of the Public Health Inspector from the adjoining rural district of Rhayader during periods when their inspector was on leave, etc.

Section 6 Prevalence and Control of Infectious Diseases

2 cases of whooping cough and 1 case of measles were notified to me.

Tuberculosis

There were no new cases of tuberculosis notified to me during the year.

Poliomyelitis Immunisation

The local population realises the value of the poliomyelitis immunisation and are responding well to the request for immunisation.

Diphtheria Immunisation

There is a satisfactory response to the requests for the immunisation of children against diphtheria.

APPENDIX.

Factories Act 1937 to 1959.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1960, FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT OF COLWYN IN THE COUNTY OF RAINORSHIRE.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of the provisions as to health, (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register.	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,&6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	9	9	1	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	9	9	1	-

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventillation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1	-

OUTWORKERS

No outwork was done in this district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) D.F.Cameron,

Medical Officer of Health.

